

REMARKS

Claims 38 and 39 were the subject of the appeal that resulted in the Examiner's Answer, with claims 30-37 being previously allowed.

In the Examiner's Answer, the panel of Examiners indicated that claim 39 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Answer, p. 4. In response, Applicants have canceled claim 38, without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, and amended claim 39 into independent form to include all the elements of now-cancelled claim 38.

Accordingly, pending claims 30-37 and 39 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request entry of this Amendment and timely allowance of the pending claims.

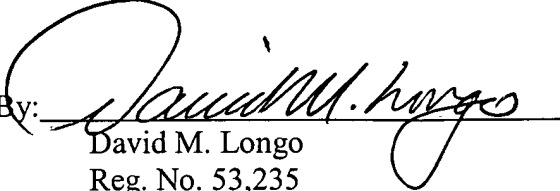
If there are any remaining issues or misunderstandings, Applicants request the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative to discuss them.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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